LOG OF MEETING (TELEPHONE DISCUSSION)

U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER MARY SHEILA GALL

SUBJECT: Commission range fires project

DATE OF MEETING: February 2, 1996

PLACE: Telephone call from Wayne Morris, American Home Appliance

Manufacturers

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Dennis B. Wilson, Special Assistant (Legal) to

Commissioner Mary Sheila Gall

DATE OF ENTRY: February 2, 1996

COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Dennis B. Wilson

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Wayne Morris, American Home Appliance

Manufacturers

SUMMARY OF MEETING: Mr. Morris expressed concern about the Commission's home range fires project. He said that AHAM and manufacturer technical concerns were not being taken seriously by CPSC staff and that the research being conducted by the project had serious defects. He said that he feared that CPSC staff had already concluded that there was a simple technological fix of installing an existing smoke detector in a range to shut down the range when the smoke detector was triggered. He said that AHAM and the industry were convinced that such an adaptation of any existing smoke detector technology would not work in the context of normal range operation.



LOG OF MEETING DIRECTORATE FOR LABORATORY SCIENCES

SUBJECT: ASTM and AATCC Standard Test Methods

DATE: February 5, 1996

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Linda Fansler, LS

COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES:

Marilyn Borsari, Compliance
Patricia Fairall, Compliance
Linda Fansler, Laboratory Sciences
James Hoebel, Engineering Sciences (participated via telephone)
Terry Karels, Economics
Andrew Stadnik, Engineering Sciences

NON-COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES:

V. Thomas Novak, Technical Director, Guilford Mills, Inc. John W. Michener, Senior Scientist, Milliken Research Corp.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

Mr. Novak and Dr. Michener requested this meeting in their capacity as members of the ASTM D-13 Committee on Textiles. ASTM plans to revise the ASTM D1230 Standard Test Method for Flammability of Apparel Textiles and wants Commission staff input in making changes. This ASTM standard is similar to CFR 16 Part 1610 Standard for the Flammability of Clothing Textiles. ASTM's goal is to get ASTM D1230 "to be equivalent to" Part 1610.

In addition, there are also plans to revise the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists (AATCC) Standard Laboratory Practice for Home Laundering Fabrics Prior to Flammability Testing. This AATCC standard is referenced in ASTM D1230.

Mr. Novak and Dr. Michener hoped that by bringing these plans for revisions to the attention of Commission staff early enough, there will be opportunity for Commission staff participation. Invitations were extended to Commission staff to attend upcoming AATCC (May 7, 1996) and ASTM (March and October 1996) meetings.

Mr. Hoebel reviewed Commission plans for revising Part 1610. A project to work on revising this standard is in the Commission's FY 1997 budget.

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